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DEPT PASS EXIM BANK

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: EXIM FINANCING FOR SIERRA LEONE

1. PROMINENT LOCAL BUSINESS MAN INDICATED TO AMBASSADOR
LAST NIGHT THAT AMERICAN FIRM, GTE, HAD BEEN LOW
BIDDER ON SATELLITE GROUND STATION DESIRED BY GOSL.
GTE OFFER DEPENDENT, HOWEVER, ON EXIM FINANCING AND
BOTH GTE REPRESENTATIVES AND BANK OF AMERICA OFFICIALS
IN LONDON HAD TOLD LOCAL SIERRA LEONEAN CONTACTS THAT EXIM HAD
REFUSED TO PROVIDE FINANCING.

2. BUSINESSMAN ASKED IF THIS MEANT EXIM NOT INTERESTED
IN FUNDING PROJECTS IN SIERRA LEONE. IF NOT, HE WANTED
TO KNOW WHAT PROJECTS HE SHOULD BE PURSUING WITH US
FIRMS WITH EXIM FINANCING IN MIND.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WISHES TO KNOW IF EXIM
RECEIVED, TURNED DOWN OR OTHERWISE INHIBITED GTE SATELLITE
GROUND STATION REQUEST. EMBASSY ALSO ANXIOUS TO
KNOW HOW TO RESPOND TO QUESTION POSED PARA 2. WOULD
APPRECIATE RESPONSE ASAP.

4. FYI. THIS BUSINESSMAN ALSO REPRESENTED MITSUBISHI DURING
BIDDING. MITSUBISHI HAS SECOND LOWEST BID WHICH LIKELY TO BE
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ACCEPTED UNLESS GTE FINANCING COMES THROUGH QUICKLY. LOCAL

BUSINESSMAN STANDS TO GAIN REGARDLESS, BUT FEELS GTE REMAINS
BEST FOR GOSL. END FYI.
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